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RECONSTRUCTING LIGAMENTS IN A KNEE  
PROSTHESIS

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Sir:

Please consider and enter the Amendment filed May 18, 2004, after which  
please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.